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SUBJECT: RESUMED TENTH SESSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

BOARD- CONSULTATIONS (ITEMS 6 AND 7)

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1. WE CALLED ON HACINI (ACTING HEAD OF NEGOTIATIONS SECTION) FOR UP-TO-DATE RUNDOWN ON PREPARATIONS FOR PILOT CONSULTATIONS REFERRED TO IN ID/B/162 ADD. 1 (REFTEL).

2. HACINI SAID THAT PREPARATIONS FOR THE IRON AND STEEL CONSULTATIONS ORIGINALLY FIXED FOR DEC. 7-11, WITH A PREPARATORY MEETING ON OCT. 11-15, WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY FAR ALONG TO HOLD TO THSE DATES. HE WAS RECOMMENDING POSTPONEMENT TO THE EX.DIRECTOR UNTIL SOMETIME IN 1977, PROBABLY DURING LATTER PART OF MARCH IN ORDER TO STILL SUBMIT A REPORT THEREON TO IDB-XI. WE GATHERED

THAT THE SECRETARIAT (ICIS) WAS HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE BASIC STUDY ON THE IRON AND STEEL SECTOR WHICH IS TO SERVE AS PRINCIPAL BACKGROUND DOCUMENT FOR THE CONSULTATIONS.

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IN THIS CONNECTION, FOLLOWING AMERICAN CONSULTANTS

ARE BEING USED BY UNIDO TO ASSIST IN STUDY;
FATHER HOGAN-FORDHAM UNIVERSITY; JOHN ELLIOTT- MIT;
BAY ESTES- AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE
(FORMERLY WITH U.S. STEEL).

3. BASIC PAPERS FOR THE FERTILIZER MEETINGS WERE
MOVING ALONG WELL AND NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM WAS
ANTICIPATED IN MEETING THE SCHEDULE IN THIS RESPECT.

4. HACINI SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME RUMINATING ABOUT
VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ORGANIZING THE CONSULTATIONS,
WHICH HE A NUMBER OF TIMES REFERRED TO AS "WITHOU
PRECEDENT". HE SAID THAT THE SECRETARIAT WAS PLANNING
TO BRIEF THE BOARD AT ITS RESUMED TENTH SESSION ON THE
STATE OF SECRETARIAT THINKING IN THIS RESPECT AND TO
INVITE ITS VIEWS ON SOME OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL
DECISIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN.

5. QUESTIONS HACINI WAS CONCERNED ABOUT INCLUDED:

(A) SHOULD THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS CONVENED TO IDENTIFY
THE ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE CONSULTATIONS CONSIST
OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS (WHO WOULD SPEAK FOR GOVERNMENTS)
OR OF INDIVIDUALS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR ATTENDING IN THEIR PRIVATE
CAPACITIES.

HACINI SAID THAT VARIOUS LDC MISSIONS WERE PRESSING
FOR THE FORMER ARRANGEMENT ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE
IDENTIFICATION OF THE "ISSUES" REQUIRED POLITICAL
JUDGMENTS; (B) WHAT RULES OF PROCEDURE SHOULD GOVERN
THE CONSULTATIONS. (THOSE OF THE GA, THE IDB,
OR SOME OTHER RULES); (C) WOULD THE GOVERNMENT,
INDUSTRY AND LABOR ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS
BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY OF ONE ANOTHER
OR WOULD DELEGATIONS BE EXPECTED TO EXPRESS "NATIONAL"
VIEWS; (D) SHOULD EACH "ISSUE" BE THE SUBJECT OF PLENARY
DISCUSSION OR SHOULD THE CONSULTATION MEETING QUICKLY
BREAKDOWN INTO A SERIES OF WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS
ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF COOPERATION WITH RESPECT TO THE
SECTOR INVOLVED WITH A NUMBER OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS GOING
ON SIMULTANEOUSLY; (E) WHAT KIND OF CONCLUSIONS
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AND RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, SHOULD BE ENVISAGED AND HOW
MIGHT THESE BE ARRIVED AT; (F) SHOULD THE FIRST
CONSULTATIONS ON PARTICULAR SECTORS ESTABLISH CONTINUING
SECTORAL MECHANISMS ANALOGOUS TO THE SECTORAL COMMITTEES
OF THE ECE; (G) WHO (I. E. UNIDO OR PARTICIPATING
GOVERNMENTS) SHOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLICIZING
THE CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT INDUSTRY AND
LABOR COULD ARRANGE FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION AND WHAT KIND

OF NUMERICAL LIMITS, IF ANY, SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE SIZE OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS IN ORDER TO AVOID A TOO LARGE AND UNWIELDY GATHERING.

6. WE REVIEWED WITH HACINI THE BASICS OF THE U.S. APPROACH AS EXPOUNDED BY USDEL AT IDB-X, STRESSING THE PRIMARY ROLE OF OUR PRIVATE SECTOR IN CONSULTATIONS ON SUCH MATTERS AS THE SPECIFICS OF INDUSTRIAL LOCATION. HACINI SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY SAW THE FORTHCOMING CONSULTATION MEETINGS ON FERTILIZERS AND IRON AND STEEL AS ONLY AS FIRST STEP IN A PROCESS OF CONTINUING EXCHANGES OF VIEWS AND IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL FOR COOPERATION IN BUILDING UP INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT MIGHT LAST OVER SEVERAL YEARS. HE WAS OPERATING ON FOUR LINES OF APPROACH: (A) EXPLORING THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE LIMA 25 PERCENT TARGET; (B) BALANCING THE INTERESTS OF INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; (C) TARGETTING ON HOW TO BE MOST HELPFUL TO THE INTERMEDIATE AND SMALLER LDC'S (COUNTRIES LIKE ALGERIA, BRAZIL, MEXICO DID NOT NEED INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS TO HELP THEM IDENTIFY POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANSION IN MAJOR INDUSTRIAL SECTORS) AND (D) IDENTIFYING AREAS IN WHICH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION COULD BE PURSUED.

7. HACINI SAID HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH MEMBERS OF USDEL TO RESUME IDB-X. IN ANY CASE USDEL MAY FIND IT NECESSARY TO GIVE ITS

VIEWS ON ORGANIZATION OF PILOT CONSULTATIONS IN MORE DETAIL THAN AT IDB-X SHOULD WE WISH TO INFLUENCE SECRETARIAT PLANNING. STIBRAVY

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